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Summer Hours and Entrance Fees

The Southeast Alaska Discovery Center is now open with its summer hours. The Center is open seven days a week Monday through Friday 8 am – 5 pm and on Saturday and Sunday 8 am – 4 pm. The Center is located at 50 Main Street in Ketchikan and offers world-class exhibits on the natural and cultural history of Southeast Alaska and is one of four Alaska Public Lands Information Centers.

The Center charges an Entrance Fee May 3 – September 24, 2008; the fee is \$5.00 per person with free admission for 15 years of age and younger. The Center also honors and sells the America the Beautiful Passes including the Annual Pass for \$80 and the lifetime Senior Pass for \$10; in addition, a Season Pass specific to the Discovery Center is available for \$15. The America the Beautiful Passes can be used to gain entrance to National Parks, US Forest Service, Fish & Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management sites throughout the US. The season pass is just for the 2008 fee season here at the Discovery Center and is for good for the pass holder and three visitors.

The Center staff is available for Ketchikan information, orientation and with interpreting Southeast Alaska's natural and cultural histories. In addition, staff is available to help visitors plan their travels throughout Alaska's Public Lands. Please visit the Center for resource material on backcountry cabins, campgrounds, trails, kayaking, wildlife, botany, fishing, hunting, and other Alaskan activities particularly for here in the Southeast Region.

The Alaska Geographic Bookstore is a non profit bookstore with a focus on natural and cultural histories of Alaska with an assortment of "coffee-table" books, children's literature, guides to nature, travel guides, storybooks, cards, and local crafts.

The Center will offer two free fee days during the summer, Saturday May 17, 2008 and on the Friday Holiday of July 4, 2008. No cruise ships are schedule to port on Saturday May 17, 2008 so the Center is inviting the community and downtown merchants to come and see the exhibits, meet staff, and wonder through the non-profit bookstore.

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